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Mr. Ron Bloom
Senior Advisor on the Auto Industry
U.S. Department of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Bloom:

I am writing to urge the Treasury Department and the Automotive Task Force to support the assumption of Delphi Corporation's hourly and salaried pension obligations by General Motors.

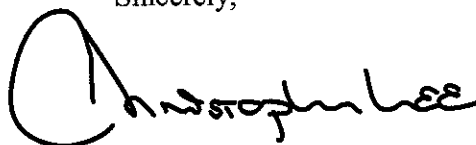
My district in Western New York is home to thousands of Delphi workers and retirees, and they as much as anyone are feeling the impact of the current restructuring of the automotive industry. Retiree health care and life insurance benefits have been affected, and retirees now find their promised pension benefits threatened.

It is the unified position of both Delphi and its retirees that the only way to protect these promised benefits is for GM to assume Delphi's salaried and hourly pension obligations. The Delphi pension plans are underfunded by nearly \$5 billion, while GM's pension plan is far more robust, being 95 percent funded at the end of last year. The overwhelming majority of Delphi's retirees spent most of their career working for GM, before the auto parts supplier was spun off by the automaker in 1999. I know these concerns have been expressed to you by a coalition of groups representing retired autoworkers, including many of my constituents in Western New York.

The alternative is for the pension plan to default to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, which is already \$33.5 billion in deficit and deteriorating. A default to the PBGC would mean huge cuts in promised pension benefits, particularly for those who have not been retired very long. This will have terrible economic repercussions for auto retirees in communities in Western New York and across the country, compounded by an already weak economy and cuts in benefits retirees have already suffered. For all these reasons, I support the unified position of Delphi and its retirees that the company's salaried and hourly pension obligations should migrate back to GM.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance. Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,



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